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Westminster, *October* 21.

THE Parliament met this day, and was again Prorogued to the 23d of *November* next.

By the Lords Justices
A PROCLAMATION.

Tho. Cantuar. J. Sommers C. Sunderland, Romney,

WHereas this present Parliament stands Prorogued to the Three and Twentieth day of November *next*; *And it being His Majesty's Pleasure that the same Parliament shall, upon the said Three and twentieth day of* November, *Meet and Sit for the dispatch of divers weighty and Important Affairs: We therefore (with the Advice of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council) have thought fit to issue this Proclamation for Declaring and Publishing the same. And all the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the House of Commons, are hereby Required and Commanded to give their Attendance accordingly at* Westminster, *on the said Three and Twentieth Day of* November *next.*

Given at the Court at *Whitehall* the One and twentieth Day of *October*, 1697. In the Ninth Year of His Majesties Reign.

Messina, *Sep.* 16. *N.S.* The *Hern* and *Phenix* Galleys arrived here this Week, the first from *Scanderoon*, and the last from *Zant*; and the *Mermaid* departed for *Smirna*. A Vessel is arrived here from the *Levant* which left the Venetian Fleet the 1st Inst. in the Port of *Andros*, expecting a Convoy of Provisions, and intending so soon as that was come, to put to Sea again; But the Commanders of the Pope's and Maltese Galleys begun already to talk of going home, seeing no likelihood that any thing of moment would be undertaken this Campagne.

Rome, *Oct.* 5. The Cardinal *de Bouillon* had this Week a long Audience of the Pope about the Affairs of *Poland*, and desired that altho' the Elector of *Saxony* was Crowned, there might be nothing done by this Court to shew any Partiality to his Interests, but that the Pope would rather employ his Authority, to prevent a Civil War in that Kingdom, by procuring a free Election; On the other hand the *Saxon* Minister, does from time to time acquaint the Ministers here with the Proceedings of his Master and lets them see that all he has done is waranted by the Laws and Constitutions of the Kingdom, and that notwithstanding the unreasonableness of the opposition of the Primate and his Party, the King has omitted no means to bring them to a better temper, and to preserve the Publick Peace; While these Representations are made by each side, this Court seem resolv'd not to depart from their Resolution of remaining Neuters in the present dispute, and in the mean time give good Words to both. The Emperor's Ambassador acquainted the Pope, in an Audience he had this Week, with the signal Victory over the Turks in *Hungary*, and returned him thanks in the Name of His Imperial Majesty, for making the Abbot *Grimani* a Cardinal at his recommendation.

Turin, *Oct.* 5. The Duke of *Savoy* is now at *Montmelian*, and after having passed a few days in that place, intends to visit several other Towns in the Duchy of *Savoy*; He has returned the Compliment of the Governor of *Milan* upon the late Victory in *Hungary*.

Venice, *Oct.* 12. The Senate [illegible] the departure of the new Captain-General *Cornaro*, and the Gentlemen that intend to go with him as Volontiers, are told they must be ready by the 20th of this Month; A considerable sum of Money and a great supply of Ammunition and Provisions will be sent to the *Morea* at the same time for the use of the Fleet and Army. The last Letters from those parts give an account, that General *Steinau* had taken a Review of the Venetian Forces, that were posted near the Isthmus of *Corinth*, and found them 14000 effective Men, and that he had ordered some new Works to be made, for the greater security of that pass and to prevent the Incursions of the Enemies Parties during the Winter; The Turkish Forces, commanded by the Bassa of the *Morea*, were advanced somewhat nearer to that Frontier, being about 11000, and some of the Parties on both sides had met and skirmished, but with little loss to either. The last Letters from *Dalmatia* say, the Morlaques were drawing together again in a considerable Body, intending to make an Incursion into the Enemies Territories, who lie very open on that side, by reason most of their Troops are sent from thence to the Grand Signior's Army in *Hungary*.

Vienna, *Oct.* 12. Prince *Charles* of *Vaudemont* arrived the 28th past in the Imperial Army in *Hungary*, with the Emperor's Orders concerning the distribution of the Winter quarters; And in conformity thereunto the Forces separated on the 4th Inst. and the same day a Detachment of Horse and Dragoons begun their march towards *Brod*, where they were to be joyned by other Troops drawn out

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